Remarks

Below is an amended Summary of Claimed Subject Matter pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.37(c)(1)(v), MPEP §1205.03, and in response to the Notification of Non-Compliance dated October 25, 2005. The amended Summary of Claimed Subject Matter replaces the same section in the Appeal Brief filed on August 8, 2005.

Summary of Claimed Subject Matter (37 C.F.R. §41.37(c)(1)(v))

A.   Independent Claim 1

Independent claim 1 recites a system that regulates access to a distributed computing platform that comprises a component that analyzes an application that requests access to the distributed computing platform, the component determines a level of access to the distributed computing platform and applies a trust level to the application corresponding to the determined level of access; and a component that compares the applied trust level of the application with a trust level of a module called by the application and regulates access of the application to the distributed computing platform based at least in part upon the comparison. (*See e.g.*, page 2, lines 9-22).

B.   Claim 3

Claim 3 recites the system of claim 1, the component that analyzes the application providing for marking the application with at least one of states: (1) fully trusted, (2) run restricted, and (3) fail to load. (*See, e.g.*, page 4, lines 22-28).

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C.   Independent Claim 10

Independent claim 10 recites a system for regulating access to a distributed computing platform that comprises means for determining a trust level for an application, the application requesting access to the distributed computing platform (*See, e.g.*, page 4, lines 24-27), means for applying the trust level to the application to regulate access to the distributed computing platform (*See, e.g.*, page 7, lines 11-15), and means for regulating access of the application to the distributed computing platform by analyzing a trust level of a module called by the application (*See, e.g.*, page 4, lines 17-23).

The "means for" limitations described above are identified as limitations subject to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶6. The structures corresponding to these limitations are identified with reference to the specification and drawings in the above noted parentheticals.

D.   Claim 11

Claim 11 recites the system of claim 10, further comprising means for applying the trust level to one or more modules called by the application. (*See, e.g.*, page 7, lines 11-31).

The "means for" limitations described above are identified as limitations subject to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶6. The structures corresponding to these limitations are identified with reference to the specification and drawings in the above noted parentheticals.

E.   Independent Claim 12

Independent claim 12 recites a method for regulating access to a distributed computing platform that comprises determining a trust level for a first module called by an application, the application requesting access to the distributed computing platform, and regulating access of the application to the distributed computing platform based at least in part upon the determined level of trust for the first module. (*See, e.g.*, page 8, line 27 -- page 9, line 10).
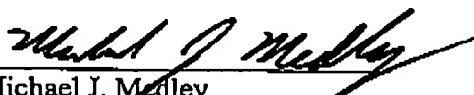
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F.   <u>Claim 13</u>

Claim 13 recites the method of claim 12 wherein determining the trust level for the first module further comprises the step of marking the first module with at least one of states: (1) fully trusted, (2) run restricted, and (3) fail to load. (*See, e.g.*, page 4, lines 22-28).

Conclusion

This submission is believed to cure any deficiencies associated with the Appeal Brief filed on August 8, 2005.

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